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1. AFTER REVIEWING POSITIONS ON ARABIC AND CHINESE LANGUAGES IN UNESCO IN LIGHT REFTELS, DEPT. RECONFIRMS BASIC POSITIONS STATED IN 94 USEX/8.2 AND 8.10: DELEGATION SHOULD SUPPORT TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS RE CHINESE; SHOULD SUPPORT RESOLUTION MAKING ARABIC A WORKING LANGUAGE OF EXBD; AND
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SHOULD CALL FOR SECRETARIAT STUDY OF LANGUAGE USE AND

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COSTS AND ADOPTION OF "PAY FOR WHAT YOU USE" SYSTEM OF DEFRAYING LANGUAGE COSTS.

2. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT DEVELOPMENTS AND DELEGATION VIEW-POINTS REPORTED REFTELS, TALKING POINTS SECTION OF 94 USEX/8.10 (ON ARABIC) IS RESCINDED. DELEGATION SHOULD BE GUIDED BY FOLLOWING:

3. WHILE SUPPORTING USE OF ARABIC AND CHINESE, U.S. RECOGNIZES THERE ARE OTHER LANGUAGES WHICH ARE NOT WORKING LANGUAGES IN UNESCO AND WHICH VARIOUS MEMBERS MAY ASPIRE

TO HAVE INTRODUCED. THE DELEGATION, EMPLOYING TACTICS BEST SUITED TO SITUATION AT EXBD, SHOULD URGE THAT THE DIRECTOR GENERAL UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF BALANCING THE USE OF LANGUAGES AND THE BURDEN OF THEIR COSTS ON THE MEMBER-SHIP, BEARING IN MIND THAT THE ADDITION OF LANGUAGES INCREASES THE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN ON THE ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING DELAYS IN PRODUCING DOCUMENTS, AND SUBSTANTIALLY RAISES THE COSTS OF LANGUAGE SERVICES. IN ORDER TO AVOID DISCRIMINATING AGAINST ANY PARTICULAR LANGUAGE, YET BEARING IN MIND THE BURDEN THAT WOULD BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY PROLIFERATION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES, WE BELIEVE THE MOST EQUITABLE PROCEDURE WOULD BE TO ESTABLISH A "PAY-FOR-WHAT-YOU-USE" SYSTEM WHEREBY ALL DELEGATIONS WOULD BE ASSESSED FOR THE LANGUAGE SERVICES THEY CHOOSE TO UTILIZE, INCLUD-ING ENGLISH. SUCH A PROCEDURE WOULD ENABLE ANY DELEGATION TO USE NATIONAL LANGUAGE AND SHARE THE COSTS WITH OTHERS WHICH CHOOSE TO JOIN IN USING IT.

4. DEL MAY SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF FOUR-STAGE INTRODUCTION OF CHINESE IN SIX RATHER THAN EIGHT YEARS. (CHINESE PERMDEL STATEMENT THAT TOTAL COSTS WILL NOT BE INCREASED APPEARS TO US INACCURATE BECAUSE STAGE TWO COSTS WILL BE FUNDED EARLIER AND WILL RECUR; DELEGATION SHOULD OBTAIN FROM SECRETARIAT AND INFORM DEPT. OF SHORT AND LONG TERM BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS). BROWN

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